

**SULLIVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Mandatory Report to Voters  
Additional Information**

The Sullivan School District SAU 96 began operation on July 1, 2013. Residents of Sullivan created an independent school district, allowing for more local decision-making and oversight. The mission of the Sullivan School District is to provide our resident students with access to a high-quality educational program that promotes achievement and prepares our students to be contributing members of our society.

The Sullivan School District is a sending district and does not operate any schools. The District is overseen by a five-member school board and managed by a part-time superintendent, part-time special education director, and part-time business administrator. The Sullivan School District does not employ teachers or other school staff. Resident students are educated via a tuition agreement with Nelson Elementary School for students in kindergarten through grade 5 and Authorized Regional Enrollment Agreements (AREA) with the Keene School District for students in grades 6 through 12.

As a sending district, the budget is generally composed of student tuition expenses, mandated special education responsibilities, transportation costs, and contractual obligations. The New Hampshire Education Department (NHED) does not calculate average per pupil costs for sending districts such as the Sullivan School District. The most recent data from the NHED shows that the state average per pupil cost was \$22,669 in 2024-25. A good faith calculation process for determining average per pupil cost reviewed and approved by the school board attorney follows.

1. Use the actual billing amount per school year from the Keene and Nelson school districts for Regular and Special Education tuition costs. This dollar amount represents the total funds expended to educate our resident k-12 students in the Nelson and Keene districts by contractual agreement. It does not include other costs associated with out of district tuition, transportation, and other specialized expenses typically excluded from per pupil costs by the NHED.
2. Add the amount expended per school year for SAU96 Management Services. This dollar amount includes the cost associated with superintendent services, special education director services, and business administrator services contracted by the district.
3. Divide the sum by the first semester enrollment at Nelson and Keene for consistency. This enrollment number does not include home school students, charter school students, out of district placements, or students attending other private schools who may be monitored by the district.
4. Calculation: Total Regular and Special Education Tuition billed by Keene and Nelson + SAU96 Management Services divided by First Semester Enrollment from Nelson and Keene = Average Pupil Cost.

RSA 189:76 Mandatory Report to Voters requires that a good faith effort is made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or an equivalent resource. The charts below illustrate each year’s pupil cost and total administrator salary compared to the January 1, 2025 CPI value, using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation calculator.

[https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation\\_calculator.htm](https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm).

Year	Pupil Cost \$	CPI value 1/2025 \$	Year	Total Adm Salary \$	CPI value 1/2025 \$
2015-16	13129	17604	2015-16	35925	48170
2016-17	14204	18581	2016-17	37224	48694
2017-18	15138	19401	2017-18	37224	47706
2018-19	14660	18501	2018-19	38600	48714
2019-20	16336	20116	2019-20	38600	47532
2020-21	15813	19203	2020-21	41436	50320
2021-22	16811	18994	2021-22	40400	45648
2022-23	20831	22119	2022-23	40400	42898
2023-24	21094	21726	2023-24	42400	43672
2024-25	20465	20465	2024-25	44200	44200

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